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In the invisible world about us  
are the great powers and forces  
which uphold and move the  
world which we see. Of the two  
worlds the invisible is the older  
and the greater. We came from  
the unseen realm, we return  
to it. We think it is even a more  
hospitable country than this  
sunny world in which we now  
live. Many of us, perhaps all  
of us, have friends in the Unseen  
land. One of us after another  
fades out of the Visible into the  
Invisible. We ought not to  
deplore this too much, especially  
if we have faith in the goodness  
of God. Janet Moores, among  
others whom we have known,  
has made the great experiment.  
In her case there surely was  
a blessed relief from hard con-  
ditions. We speak no more of  
shadows which may have dimmed  
for a time her happy disposition.

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These have altogether passed  
away. The cheer of the Morning  
Land banishes fear and all  
misapprehension. Chief in that  
happy country is one who bore  
a crown of thorns and who was  
hissed and pierced by foolish  
and ignorant men. Surely  
He will give a very hospitable  
welcome to all who have suffered  
much. Janet was most loved  
by those who knew her most  
intimately. Her mind turned  
easily to the beautiful story of  
Christ. She became consciously  
a follower of His and united  
with the Church at eleven  
years of age. Her life was so true  
that this profession was not formal  
and superficial.  
It would be superfluous for me  
to say to you, who have known  
her all her life, much concerning  
her daily life.

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Others who knew her more intimately in the old days could more easily testify at first hand to her generosity and capacity for self sacrifice. She had the qualities of mind and heart which made her presence a joy and inspiration. Now we say, in this final event of her life, no evil has befallen her but good. She is hidden from our eyes, by a sharp turn which inevitably comes in every life journey. However the highway persists and the traveller goes on. This was the thought of Plato whose mind was a mirror for the natural and supernatural. Much more than this it is the teaching of Jesus of Nazareth who spoke as man had not spoken before, and has not spoken since. Let us be comforted in this words -

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"In my Father's house are many Mansions. If it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."  
George A. Macintosh

My dear Mr. Muir.

I send you our pastor's remarks. Knowing that you will love to read them - and have them for your own. Your kind letter came to me last week and I thank you for your love and appreciation of my dear child. I have been quite ill but am almost well again. I read with interest the article on John Muir in the "Craftsman" for March. My boys are well - except for colds - They are very busy - and all that I wish. God bless me in my children and my friends. But I must not write. With love  
March 14<sup>th</sup> 1905 Julia M. Moore

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